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QUESTION OF THE REALIZATION IN ALL COUNTRIES OF THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS CONTAINED IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND IN THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, AND STUDY OF SPECIAL PROBLEMS WHICH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FACE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THESE HUMAN RIGHTS, INCUDING PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE RIGHT TO ENJOY AN ADEQUATE STANDARD OF LIVING; FOREIGN DEBT, ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT POLICIES AND THEIR EFFECTS ON THE FULL ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND, IN PARTICULAR, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT

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1. Concerning the right to food, FAO drew the attention of the Commission to the statement by the Director General to the World Conference on Human Rights in which he strongly called for active measures to ensure the fundamental right of all to food.

2. FAO further drew the attention of the Commission to the following documents:

Effects of Stabilization and Structural Adjustment Programmes on Food Security, submitted to the Commission on World Food Security, April 1989;

Food Security and Nutrition Status Report, submitted to the FAO Conference, November 1993 (in particular sections 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 which deal with structural adjustment and economic reform programmes, and declining levels of food subsidies and implications for vulnerable groups, the continuing trend to more liberal marketing policies and changes in international trade policy).

These documents are available for consultation in the files of the Secretariat.

3. Concerning the impact of economic adjustment policies on the most vulnerable and low income groups, FAO referred to the following documents:

The impact of stabilization and structural adjustment policies on the rural sector. Case studies of Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Liberia, Zambia and Morocco. FAO, 1991;

Structural adjustment and household welfare in rural areas: a micro-economic perspective. FAO, 1991;

The impact of structural adjustment on smallholders. FAO, 1992.

Structural Adjustment in Rural Poverty in Developing Countries: A Survey by Raghav Gaiha. FAO, 1991.

A note on Mitigating Adverse Effects of Structural Adjustment Policies on Human Resources Development. FAO, 1993.